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To the War Crimes Investigation
Commission of the National Military Council
and the Executive Yuan

Gentlemen:

On the 28th day of July 1945, the Japanese troops stationed withdrew, fearing that the communication between Kwangsi and Hunan might be cut off by the Chinese Army then pushing forward from Yenching and Tientsin.

About ten days prior to their withdrawal, a Japanese soldier self-styled as Second Lieutenant SMT I organized an arson corps and set fire to buildings in the entire district of Kwitung Road (business center of Kweilin) Sze Wei Road, in the western part of Loh Chuan Road (including the whole of the buildings of the Baptist Mission in Li Wei Yuan, in the lower part of Kweipei Road, in the middle section of Fongpei Road, and in the northern part of Leong Chu Road. The library of the Provincial Government inside the old city was reduced to ashes. Rooms thus destroyed numbered more than ten thousand.

What horrible atrocities the Japanese troops have committed in Kweilin may be inferred from the fact that they destroyed these houses without the slightest military necessity whatsoever. During the occupation of Kweilin by the Japanese, they erected numerous temporary quarters at Hua Chiao and at the South Gate for the operation of gambling houses. Such houses were likewise set fire prior to their retreat.

Availing ourselves of this opportunity of your arrival in Kweilin for the purpose of investigating Japanese atrocities, we hereby bring the above facts to your attention.

Yours faithfully,

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